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REMARKS

Claims 6-8, 13-15 and 21-26 are currently pending. By virtue of the present amendment, claims 6-8, 13-15 and 23-26 have been amended; and new claim 27 has been added which has support in the specification.

The specification has been amended to incorporate SEQ ID NOs in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(d). The specification has been amended to correlate the Figure description for Figures 1A-1C; 2A-2B; 3A-3C; and 4A-4B with the formal Figures.

Applicants request rejoinder of methods claims to the extent they incorporate all the limitations of allowed composition claims. See *In re Ochiai*. Applicants have amended withdrawn claims accordingly.

Applicants request consideration and entry of the present comments and amendments.

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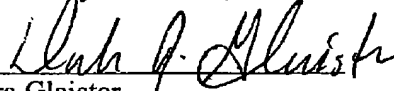
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that no extension in time fee is due with the instant Supplemental Amendment since the supervisory Examiner indicated that the Final Office Action mailed on November 29, 2005 is to be vacated. In an abundance of caution, Applicants are submitting concurrently herewith an extension in time of two months with the appropriate fee, should a fee be required by the USPTO.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 220002060310. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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